St. Andrew's Church, Madras

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Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., (On leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. J. D. Mitchell, M.A., B.D., Secunderabad (Deccan.)
Ag. Joint Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. W. Meston, M.A., B.D., 3, Harley's Road, Kilpauk, Madras.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., I.S.O., Sir William Beardsell, The Hon. Mr. W. Hutton, W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Major A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144, Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk.
Woman's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Teynampet.
Woman's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. H. S. Chandler, Sunnyside, Royapettah.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput, (On leave).
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Teynampet.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Cranford, McNicholl's Road, Chetput.

Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

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Church Notes

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without Music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays, at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bonâ fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M., from January to April, and August to December.

Church Notices

Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the evening service on 6th July, when forty-one communicants were present. The next celebration of Communion will be at the close of the morning service on 10th August.

Special Collection.—The Rev. J. D. Mitchell, who is officiating as Senior Presidency Chaplain, has endorsed an appeal issued by the General Officer Commanding the 9th (Secunderabad) Division on behalf of the Soldiers, and Sailors' Families Association Fund. By means of this Fund much-needed help has been available for the widows and children of our men. During the war the Fund received financial aid from the Imperial Indian Relief Fund, but this has now been discontinued. Temporary distress due to unemployment of discharged men is relieved by this Fund, and Mr. Mitchell suggested that collections might be made in the churches for 'this most laudable and necessitous object.' The Kirk Session has appointed Sunday, the 3rd August, as the one when the collection will be made in St. Andrew's Church. It is commended to the liberality of all.

Departure of Mr. Gillan.—An impressive service was held on Sunday, the 6th July, when thanksgiving was given in all churches for the conclusion of peace. The form of service was that which had been appointed by the General Assembly. Copies of it arrived by the mail on Saturday and Mr. Gillan had a considerable number printed off at once, so that each worshipper was supplied with a copy on Sunday evening. The sermon preached by Mr. Gillan was singularly appropriate and gave to the service that completeness of expression which all felt to characterise it. At the close of the service Mr. Gillan addressed the congregation intimating to them his departure from India and conveying to them his regrets in severing so happy a connection as that which had existed between him and St. Andrew's. The following resolution of the Kirk Session well expresses the feelings of the office-bearers and congregation:—

The Kirk Session desires to place on record its regret at the impending departure of the Rev. Mr. Gillan and its appreciation of his services during the short term of his Chaplaincy. Mr. Gillan's unfailing courtesy and kindliness have endeared him to all. The Session will long remember gratefully the unsparing work of Mrs. Gillan in the activities of the Church especially her hard and ungrudging labours on behalf of the soldiers.

The Session follow Mr. and Mrs. Gillan into retirement with all good wishes for their future happiness in the homeland.

Mr. Gillan left Madras by the boat mail of the 9th July in order to join the Bibby liner "Warwickshire."

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—The Rev. James D. Mitchell has been appointed to officiate as Presidency Senior Chaplain. He will continue at Secunderabad where the Presidency Senior Chaplain's office is now established. Mr. Mitchell spent a day in Madras with Mr. Gillan before he left.

The Chaplaincy.—No official announcement has been made of the appointment of Chaplains to fill the vacancies on the Madras establishment caused by the retirement of Mr. Heron and of Mr. Meldrum. The result is that until the arrival of a duly appointed Chaplain the congregation of St. Andrew's has to be content with the services of one who fills a gap. No one can regret this more than the Acting Chaplain, and he looks forward to the time when the Church will have at its head a Chaplain who can make its affairs his sole concern. He desires, as he enters on his work, to say how greatly he esteems the privilege of ministering again in the Church which is to him so rich in associations, and while relying on the support which the congregation so loyally gives he bespeaks the indulgence which his inadequacy will, he fears, too frequently require.

Peace Celebrations.—On Saturday, the 19th July, the day which the Government proclaimed a holiday in recognition of the conclusion of peace, ten of the pupils of the Free School along with their teachers were invited to the durbar in the People's Park. The Session agreed to grant various gifts out of its funds, and among the recipients were the children of the Free School. Four annas were given to each boy and girl attending the School. The distribution was made on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the children looking their best and all of them as they received their little sum saluting the flag which had been planted at the place of meeting. The flag was a hand-made one and had a history of considerable interest, its first appearance having been on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria. Hearty cheers brought a happy meeting to a close. The children were just about to disperse when the van with the bags of buns which were being distributed among schools arrived. The smiling faces and the arrange-

ments of Mr. Boys made the afternoon one which will long be remembered.

Sunday School.—The Sunday School will re-open after the holidays on Sunday, the 10th August. Our Superintendent, Mr. Ashworth, is at present at home and we are glad that he is having the benefit of the change, but we feel his absence now that the School which he has devoted so much thought and time to is to begin its new term of work. Not only is our Superintendent absent but we are in great need of teachers. It would be a very real satisfaction if some members of the church could see their way to take part in this most important sphere of work.

Dorcas Society.—The half-yearly distribution of clothing in connection with the Dorcas Society will take place on Thursday, the 7th August, at 4-30 P.M. Mrs. Chandler has kindly agreed to give away the clothing. Mrs. Atkinson, the Secretary, whose work on behalf of the Society is unremitting, would gladly welcome more subscribers. The cost of clothing is dearer than ever and imposes a heavier strain. All who are able to attend the distribution are cordially invited to be present.

Woman's Guild.—The Guild will re-assemble in the Church compound on Thursday, the 7th August, at 5 P.M. The meetings of the Guild will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. All ladies who can find it possible to take part in the work of the Guild are heartily welcomed. The practice of sending out post-cards for each meeting will be discontinued now that the meetings take place on the regular days.

Arrival.—We are glad to welcome back Major Russell, I.M.S. He has been absent for almost two years and his long absence made his appearance in our midst all the deeper source of satisfaction. He has benefited by his stay at home and we are glad to see him looking so well. He has brought us good news of Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum in their Perthshire parish. We expect to welcome Mrs. Russell a little later in the year.

Weddings.—The following extracts, the first from the *Campbeltown Courier*, the second from a Calcutta paper, are sure to be of interest to members of the congregation.

Lochend U.F. Church, Campbeltown, was on Wednesday, the 30th April, the scene of one of the prettiest weddings witnessed for many a day, when Mr. Neil Macmichael, I C.S., youngest son of the late Rev. N. Macmichael, Craignish, was married to Miss Margaret M. S. Macnish, third daughter of the late Mr. Hugh Macnish, Greenwood, Assam, and of Mrs. Macnish, Campbeltown. The Church was filled to overflowing with an interested congregation, whom the popularity of the bride had attracted. The bride looked exceedingly handsome as she walked up the aisle leaning on the arm of Mr. Duncan Maccallum, East Cliff, Campbeltown; and her gown of ivory satin and georgette with train and tulle veil fastened with myrtle and silver roses was much admired. She wore a string of pearls and carried a sheaf of arum lilies, gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was accompanied by his groomsman, Major J. P. Brown, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. B. Blackwood, B.D., assisted by Captain the Rev David C. Macmichael, B D., St. Andrew's Kirk, Colombo, brother of the bridegroom. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Argyll Hotel, where the usual toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. Amidst showers of confetti the bride and bridegroom left by motor car for Oban, where the first part of the wedding tour was spent, preparatory to a tour in the south of England.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Christ Church, Chittagong, on June 23rd, when Mr. Charles Brian Boys, Cargo Superintendent, B. I. S. N. Co., was married to Miss Gladys Muriel MacDonald. The Rev. H. J. Millet conducted the service which was choral, Col. Cooper, I. D. F., kindly presiding at the organ. The Church was very beautifully decorated by kind lady friends.

The dress of thebride was of satin and georgette, the train and veil which were in one being of the latter. She wore a wreath of orange blossoms, and her bouquet was a sheaf of white lilies, she looked charming and happy. The reception took place at the house of the Commissioner. The Band of the 42nd I. D. F. played some excellent selections—thanks to the kindness of Col. Cooper, Mr. B. J. Cochrane, Manager of Messrs. Bulloch Bros., in a speech called for the toast of the bride which was most cordially received with full honours and was responded to by the bridegroom. The happy pair left for their honeymoon the next morning for Kodala by launch, S. S. "Salona" which had been very tastefully decorated by the Staff.

CHURCH REGISTERS

Nil.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for June, 1919

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant (Establishment and Cemetery) ...	109	0	0	To Church Estabt. for May, 1919.	175	0	0
„ Seat Rents	89	0	0	„ „ Choir „ „ ...	157	0	0
„ Church Collections	151	14	2	„ „ Servants' Batta Allowance, May, 1919 ...	20	0	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Blowers	2	0	0
				„ M. E. S. Co.'s Current for May, 1919	11	12	0
				„ Methodist Printing House Bill No. 11	11	0	0
				„ Compound Expenses ...	2	10	0
				„ Postage and Petty Cash ...	6	5	0
Balance Dr. this Account ...	25	12	10				
Total ...	385	11	0	Total ...	385	11	0

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for June, 1919

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	19	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment (for May)	227	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food Account	7	13	0
„ Cash from Kirk Session ...	215	0	0	„ Bill 68, "Madras Times" Advertisements	8	7	0
				„ Laundry	0	12	0
Total ...	244	0	0	Total ...	244	0	0

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

W. MESTON,
Ag. Joint Chaplain.

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